### COUNCILMAN MYRON LOWERY'S REPORT ON 2004 COUNCIL ACTIONS

#### **JANUARY**

- -Appropriated \$82,077 for repairs to Mud Island.
- Increased the Additional Treatment Cost fees for the City of Memphis Sewers.
- -Granted approval to WesPac Pipelines-Memphis, LLC for a petroleum pipeline in the City.
- Received a presentation on the Mayor's Legislative Agenda.

#### **FEBRUARY**

- -Received a presentation of the June 30, 2003 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.
- -Purchased 82 computers and printers for the City of Memphis branch libraries.
- -Appropriated \$1,500,000 for a construction grant to the Memphis BioTech Foundation.
- -Discussed possible relocation of the University of Memphis School to Law to the Downtown Customs House Building.
- -Appropriated \$3.3 million for furniture and collections for the new Cordova Branch Library.
- -Appropriated \$3.3 million for furniture and collection for the new Whitehaven Community Library.
- -Appropriated \$772,625 for renovation of the Randolph Branch Library.
- -Appropriated \$542,000 for a pumper truck and ambulance for Mud Island Fire Station #4.
- -Appropriated \$138,983 for the waterproofing of Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium.
- -Appropriated \$233,159 for new street lighting.

## **MARCH**

- -Presentation on Jackson Avenue Beautification/Revitalization Project
- -Adopted a resolution limiting the expenditures for the new FedEx Forum to an amount of \$250 million.
- -Appropriated \$817,000 for furniture and equipment for the Orange Mound Community Service Center.
- -Adopted a resolution supporting efforts to institute a Living Wage.

Established the Memphis Child Care Task Force Demonstration Program to provide incentives for child care efforts.

- -Amended the FY2004 O&M budget to allow \$12,462,423 for windstorm related expenditures.
- -Accepted \$496,750 from HUD for the demolition and construction of the Memphis BioTech Foundations.
- -Appropriated \$570,000 for the construction of the Bridges USA, Inc. Building.
- -Accepted \$496,750 from HUD for demolition and construction at the Memphis Biotech Foundation.

## **APRIL**

- -Appropriated \$1.2 million for Communications Network Expansion and Upgrade.
- -Appropriated \$3 million for Uptown Hurt Village construction costs.
- -Appropriated \$200,000 for repair to the press box at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium.
- -Appropriated \$4,824,457 for construction of the Southeast Police Precinct.
- -Adopted a resolution supporting the University of Memphis' move to the FedEx Forum.
- -Appropriated \$3 million for development at Weaver Fields/Richmond Place and Parkway Commons.
- -Accepted \$739,030 from a Shelter Plus Grant from HUD.
- -Included funds in FY05 Budget for foreign language interpreter services for City Courts.
- -Appropriated \$500,000 for construction costs at Parkway Commons.
- -Accepted \$74,271 from the Department of Justice to purchase police vehicles and crime scene equipment.

# MAY

- -Approved a salary of up to \$230,000 for the new MLG&W president. (Joseph Lee was hired at a salary of \$215,000).
- -Adopted the Consolidated Plan Three Year Strategy for Housing and Community Development.
- -Appropriated \$500,000 for computers and telecommunications equipment at Orange Mound, Glenview, McWherter, Pine Hill and Cunningham Community Centers.
- -Appropriated \$994,812 for Police In-Service Training.
- Appropriated \$1.6 million for the purchase of five replacement fire pumpers.

-Amended the cruising ordinance as requested by the Police Director.

#### JUNE

- -Began discussions on possible ways to stimulate retail business in the City. Discussions have led to the formation of an Economic Development Work Plan.
- -Approved budgets for City of Memphis and City Schools without any tax increase.
- -Approved a Referendum Ordinance to amend the City Charter to require all future City employees maintain residency in City of Memphis. Issue will be on the November 2, 2004 general ballot.
- -Authorized the issuance of \$30 million in Sanitary Sewerage System Revenue Bonds.
- -Appropriated \$1,519,440 for the Hollywood Branch Library Expansion.
- -Appropriated \$1.6 million for replacement of City's computer server-based system.
- -Adopted a resolution promoting a city-wide mentoring program for Memphis City Schools  $7^{\rm th}$  graders .
- -Adopted a Resolution requesting that Mayor Wharton and Shelby County Board of Commissioners maintain the Health

Department's Rodent Control Program.

- -Updated on the Liberty Bowl Facility Assessment Study.
- -Approved flat taxicab rates for the National Baptist Convention, June 21-25, 2004.
- -Accepted \$552,9000 from the State of Tennessee for the Fire Services In-Service Training Program.
- -Appropriated \$229,136 for the construction of Trigg West Park.
- -Appropriated \$265,696 for the construction of Lincoln School Park.
- -Appropriated \$2,863,731 for Dalstrom Park Development.
- -Declared a 90 day moratorium on any resubdivision, pud or planned development in the East Memphis Area bounded by Poplar on the south, Walnut Grove on the north, Perkins on the east and Grove Park on the west.

# **JULY**

- -Presentation by MATA on alternative fuel buses.
- -Appropriated \$152,512 for renovation of Skinner Center Pool.
- -Appropriated \$135,180 for courtyard improvements at Orange Mound Community Service Center.
- -Appropriated \$2,026 for Police Department's Vice Narcotics Unit.
- -Accepted \$45,000 from the Tennessee Historical Commission for a survey of historic properties in the city.
- Requested the Mayor or his designee negotiate with any local municipality desiring to become part of the Memphis and Shelby
- County Public Library System.
- -Accepted \$2,471,631 from State of Tennessee for the Workforce Development Program.
- -Appropriated 1 million for the purchase of two replacement fire aerial trucks.
- -Appropriated \$134,000 for the demolition of the Coach and Four on Lamar.
- -Appropriated \$750,000 for equipment for the Southeast Police Precinct.

### **AUGUST**

- -Appropriated \$227,692 to repair damage to press box elevator shaft at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium.
- -Appropriated \$6 million for operating costs for MATA.
- -Accepted \$42,762 from the Department of Homeland Security for Fire Prevention and Safety.
- -Approved use of \$5 million in grant funds/loans for the University Place project.
- -Appropriated \$419,000 for construction of the Polly Williams Playground.
- -Approved taking of bids for Marquette Playground, Raleigh Bartlett Meadows Park, and Pickett Playground.
- -Appropriated \$445,479 for Dave Wells Community Center.
- -Appropriated \$2.5 million for drain improvements to alleviate flooding in the Downtown District near Autozone Park.
- -Created the Mary's Creek Special Sewer Service Area.
- -Adopted a Referendum Ordinance authorizing a privilege tax for all workers employed within the City limits. Issue was passed by the voters on the November 2, 2004 general ballot.
- -Appropriated \$225,000 for maintenance items at the Memphis Zoo.

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- -Appropriated \$1,250,000 for construction of the Northwest Passage Exhibit at the Memphis Zoo.
- -Appropriated \$489,000 for dredging at Riverside Park Marina.
- -Appropriated \$579,244 for renovations at the Pink Palace Museum.
- -Appropriated \$250,000 for a new irrigation system, lighting, and landscaping and to restore the fountain at Court Square.

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- -Presentation by MATA on feasibility of a grid bus system.
- \*Began discussions on changes to City employees' healthcare plan.
- -Appropriated \$1.2 million for Communications Network Expansion and Upgrade.
- -Appropriated \$3.7 million to replace obsolete computer equipment.
- -Appropriated \$150,000 for infrastructure improvements at Kirby Parkway Business Center.
- -Appropriated \$200,000 for major maintenance at Fairgrounds.
- -Appropriated \$3.2 million for paving of city streets.
- -Declared the week of October 4-8, 2004 "Minority Enterprise Development Week".
- -Adopted an ordinance establishing qualifications for members of a Charter Commission.
- -Began discussions of 2004 Budget shortfall and ways to address the problem.
- -Presentation on the FY2004 Urban Art Plan
- Adopted an ordinance amending retirement policy for appointed employees.
- -Appropriated \$750,000 for construction of Bridges USA, Inc. Building.
- -Appropriated \$704,000 for infrastructure improvements at Southpointe Crossing middle income housing.
- -Appropriated \$815,000 for infrastructure improvements at Southend middle income housing.
- -Appropriated \$563,000 for furniture, fixtures and equipment at Whitehaven Golf Center.

#### **OCTOBER**

- -Discussed crosswalks at Grahamwood Elementary School.
- -Authorized the purchase of 8.65 acres on Austin Peay Hwy (former site of Seessel's/Schnuck's Grocery) to serve as computer center for City government. Cost of purchase was \$2 million.
- -Appropriated \$3 million for MHA-Uptown Hurt Village for construction and land acquisition.
- -Appropriated \$6.6 million for the City's Motorola emergency services radio system.
- -Established a six month moratorium on all building permits in the Rozelle-Annesdale area.
- -Appropriated \$65,000 for a new seating manifest at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium.
- -Discussed Administration's strategy to eliminate part-time and temporary employees.
- Reviewed Administration's proposed budget reductions.
- -Discussed future of Overton Park Shell and possible grants.
- -Updated on MLG&W and MIFA'S Emergency Services program.
- -Discussions continued on City healthcare plan.
- -Approved certain positions in Police Services, Fire Services and Public Services as appointed and exempt from Civil Service.
- -Appropriated \$2,200,000 for litigation fees and expenses for the Cook Convention Center.
- -Approved funds for renovation of Wagner Park and Godwin Park.
- -Appropriated \$5.9 million for construction of Wolf River/Gray's Creek Sewer Extension.
- -Elected Councilmember Edmund Ford as 2005 City Council Chairman.
- -Approved finance budget strategies for 2004.
- -Adopted a resolution encouraging the Tennessee General Assembly to pass legislation which would make Tennessee competitive once more in the attraction and nurturing of the film and video industries.

## **NOVEMBER**

- -Appointed Larry Godwin as Police Services director.
- -Discussed written policy regarding hiring critical public safety personnel during the hiring freeze.

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- -Authorized MLG&W to construct the South Collierville Electric Transmission Line and acquire necessary rights-of-way.
- -Authorized HCD to award \$1.3 million to designated nonprofit organizations for the purpose of community initiative actions.
- -Appropriated \$429,000 for Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium graphics.
- -Appropriated \$151,000 for painting of Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium.
- -Accepted \$395,973 from the US Dept. of Justice for local law enforcement.
- -Accepted \$175,111 from the US Dept. of Justice for gang resistance crime fighting.
- -Accepted \$225,000 from the US Dept. of Justice for Project Safe Neighborhoods.
- -Accepted \$949,116 from State of Tennessee for the Memphis/Shelby County Metro Traffic Enforcement Project.
- -Appropriated \$1.5 million for improvements to Getwell Road from IRS Center to stateline.
- -Accepted \$967,061 from the TN Dept. of Labor for Workforce training and services.
- -Voted to end Council investigation of MLGW-TVA Prepaid Electric Bond Transaction.
- -Presented the 2004 Memphis City Council Humanitarian Award to Charlie and Alma Morris.
- -Purchased 32.2 acres at 3720 Knight Arnold Road. This site, formerly the Walter Simmons Housing Development, will be the new location for the Police Traffic Precinct and Engineering Support Services.
- -Approved the 2005 budget for MLG&W.
- -Appropriated \$923,275 for Police Car Video/Paperless Reporting.
- -Appropriated \$4 million for repaving of various streets throughout the city.
- -Adopted a resolution encouraging the Tennessee General Assembly to adopt legislation allowing retail properties to be considered for P.I.L.O.T. lease agreements.

#### **DECEMBER**

- Received information from Mayor Herenton on his plans for reorganization of City government and consolidation of some MLG&W and City functions. Council formed a task force to discuss these plans.
- -Updated by Fire Director on plans for a fire/ambulance mutual aid agreement between Memphis and suburban communities.
- -Adopted a new Health Care Plan for the City of Memphis.
- -Accepted \$3.1 million from the Tennessee Dept. of Labor for Workforce training and services.
- -Accepted \$973,035 from the US Dept. of Homeland Security for the Urban Search and Rescue Program.
- -Approved the purchase of 21.8 acres on Appling Road near Pate Road and Fletcher Creek. The site will be the future home of the Memphis Animal Shelter and a new Vehicle Inspection Station.
- -Approved the purchase of 4 acres on Pleasant Hill Road near Pleasant Hill Road and Holmes Road for a fire station.
- -Approved the sale of 6091 Walnut Grove, formerly Fire Station #44, to Baptist Memorial Hospital.
- -Accepted \$892,718 from the US Dept. of Justice for law enforcement.
- -Appropriated \$300,000 for the construction of a stable for the Police Mounted Unit.
- -Accepted \$1.15 million from the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security for security measures.
- -MLG&W presented their Strategic Plan and updated Council on joint City/MLG&W audit of A&L Contracts.
- -Updated on 1<sup>st</sup> quarter CIP budget.
- -Discussed Mayor Herenton's plan to reorganize city government
- -Discussed Mayor Herenton's plans to cut City's budget.
- -Updated on the 2005 State Legislative Agenda.
- -Appropriated \$603,000 for installation of speed humps throughout the city.
- -Appropriated \$1,175,000 for traffic signals.
- -Designated New Chicago/Firestone-Manassas as a slum/blighted area, allowing for demolition of structures with CDBG funds.
- -Appropriated \$525,960 for ADA repairs at seven fire stations.